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MEMBRANE FUSION-ASSOCIATED EVENTS, INCLUDING HEPATITIS B VIRUS TRANSMISSION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 28, 1997 and pursuant to Rule 115, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 to extend time for response for a period of three months from April 28, 1997 up to and including July 28, 1997, accompanied by the appropriate fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 9, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims: